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OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1882.

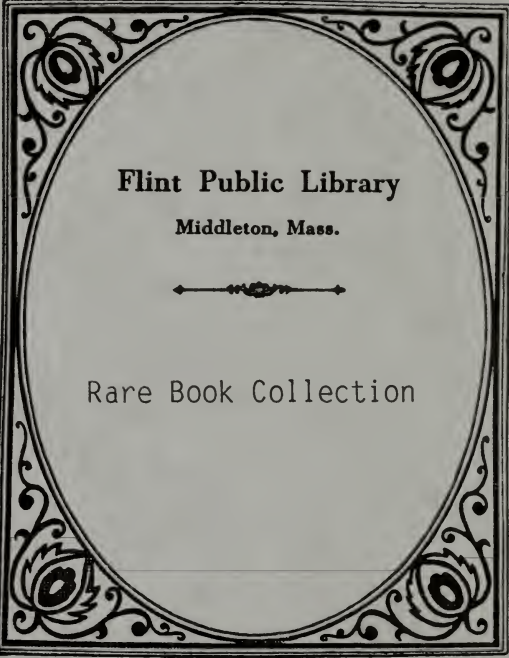
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REPORT.

Selectmen's Department.

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| J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor..... | \$48 00 |
| B. P. Richardson, " " | 45 75 |
| O. L. Carleton, " " | 56 75 |
| S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer..... | 25 00 |
| Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk..... | 8 00 |
| J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths..... | 15 00 |
| Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector..... | 65 69 |
| J. Hovey Eaton, as Constable..... | 15 00 |
| Martin J. Cheney, as School Committee..... | 35 00 |
| Ansel P. Tyler, " " | 20 00 |
| Hiram A. Stiles, " " | 28 00 |
| J. A. Batchelder, auditing accounts..... | 6 00 |
| B. P. Richardson " " | 6 00 |
| O. L. Carleton " " | 6 00 |
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| | \$380 19 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Ward 1. Levi Curtis, Surveyor, Appropriation.... | \$99 25 |
| 2. O. L. Carleton, " " | 98 65 |
| 3. Levi F. Atwood, " " | 60 00 |
| 4. M. J. Emerson, " " | 63 60 |
| 5. William Q. Richardson, " " | 59 00 |
| 6. Moses Peabody, " " | 55 00 |
| 7. H. T. Sheldon, " " | 65 35 |
| 8. B. W. Peabody, " " | 92 55 |
| 9. Samuel M. Peabody, " " | 60 00 |
| 10. Sylvanus Flint, " " | 68 50 |
| L. F. Atwood, repairs on bridge..... | 3 82 |

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|--|----------|
| Oren Peabody, light on culvert..... | 1 00 |
| H. T. Sheldon, labor on road in 1880..... | 2 00 |
| S. M. Peabody, labor on bridge..... | 7 75 |
| Moses Peabody, repairing bridge..... | 3 05 |
| O. L. Carleton, labor on bridge..... | 4 00 |
| J. B. Thomas & Co., lumber and teaming..... | 42 83 |
| Calvin Putnam, lumber and teaming..... | 66 61 |
| H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails for bridges..... | 4 37 |
| Ward 8. J. B. Thomas & Co..... | 20 12 |
| Ward 8. O. L. Carleton,..... | 15 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$892 45 |

SNOW BILLS

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Ward 1. Levi Curtis,..... | 33 00 |
| 2. O. L. Carleton..... | 25 20 |
| 3. L. F. Atwood,..... | 37 20 |
| Elijah Richardson,..... | 2 00 |
| 4. M. J. Emerson,..... | 17 25 |
| 5. William Q. Richardson,..... | 42 08 |
| 6. Moses Peabody,..... | 16 40 |
| P. Donovan,..... | 6 00 |
| J. W. Donovan,..... | 3 40 |
| Geo. H. Wells,..... | 3 60 |
| G. W. Rennard..... | 5 90 |
| H. E. Howe..... | 4 00 |
| Asa Howe..... | 7 20 |
| John Gage..... | 1 50 |
| 7. H. T. Sheldon..... | 33 25 |
| 8. B. W. Peabody..... | 24 60 |
| W. W. Peabody..... | 4 60 |
| J. W. Peabody..... | 5 50 |
| B. W. Peabody, Jr..... | 7 20 |
| Oren Peabody..... | 3 90 |
| J. B. Thomas & Co..... | 10 80 |
| Porter I. Gould..... | 15 40 |
| Lyman S. Wilkins..... | 20 70 |
| 9. J. B. Thomas & Co..... | 10 70 |
| 10. Sylvanus Flint, for 1880..... | 8 00 |
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| | \$349 38 |

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

EXPENSES.

| | |
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| Batchelder & Co., coal..... | \$40 50 |
| F. C. Campbell, cleaning hall..... | 15 80 |
| Mary Lever, cleaning hall..... | 75 |
| H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies..... | 7 35 |
| F. E. Campbell, cash paid for repairs and supplies.... | 1 75 |
| F. E. Campbell, cash paid for wood..... | 2 50 |
| F. E. Campbell, services as janitor..... | 54 50 |
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| | \$123 15 |

RECEIPTS.

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| Cash received for use of hall..... | \$93 75 |
| Balance against the town..... | 29 40 |
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| | \$123 15 |

STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

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|---|----------|
| Orders drawn for State Aid from Feb. 1, 1881 to Feb. 1, 1882..... | \$216 00 |
| Orders drawn for relief of Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 1, 1881 to Feb. 22, 1882, as follows : | |
| Dennis Wells..... | 84 00 |
| Charles P. Peabody..... | 51 00 |
| Patrick Gillispie..... | 28 55 |
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| | \$379 55 |

SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Amount of books on hand at the close of last year.. | \$102 58 |
| Amount of books purchased this year..... | 103 82 |
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| | \$206 40 |
| Deduct amount of books now on hand..... | 117 79 |
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| Leaving amount of books sold..... | \$88 61 |

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

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| Balance of last year's appropriation..... | \$ 35 00 |
| Appropriation..... | 75 00 |
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| | \$110 00 |
| Deduct amount drawn..... | 50 15 |
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| Leaving amount undrawn..... | \$59 85 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

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|---|----------|
| Goodell & Batchelder, printing town reports..... | \$ 20 00 |
| E. S. Phelps, administering oaths..... | 1 00 |
| Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery..... | 6 00 |
| C. K. Wilkins, expressage..... | 1 40 |
| A. W. Tewksbury, school books..... | 12 21 |
| Knight Adams & Co., school books..... | 42 73 |
| Attleboro Machine Co., hydrant..... | 38 00 |
| Danvers Water Board, labor and material for hydrant..... | 54 60 |
| Thomas Carlin, care of Cemetery..... | 50 00 |
| J. A. Gillis, legal services..... | 10 00 |
| Farnham Stiles, care of weights and measures..... | 1 50 |
| W. H. Johnson, services as sexton..... | 10 00 |
| Foote & Horton, printing order book and notices.. | 17 87 |
| Knight Adams & Co., school books..... | 48 88 |
| O. L. Carleton, lamp post and setting same..... | 10 25 |
| J. J. Coughlin, burying horse..... | 2 00 |
| H. A. Wilkins & Sons, books..... | 60 |
| J. J. Grothe, repairs on hydrants,..... | 2 50 |
| M. E. Tyler, care of lamp..... | 12 00 |
| M. E. Tyler, supplies for lamp..... | 7 39 |
| J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town..... | 4 00 |
| J. A. Batchelder, car-fare, postage, etc..... | 5 85 |
| S. A. Fletcher, postage..... | 15 |
| J. H. Eaton, services as fish warden..... | 5 00 |
| Flint Public Library, appropriation..... | 50 15 |
| Amount paid to firemen..... | 35 00 |
| Jesse W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes..... | 233 78 |
| Abatements..... | 50 38 |
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| | \$733 24 |

School Department.

CENTRE SCHOOLS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| L. G. McIntire, teaching Grammar School..... | \$240 00 |
| A. R. Killoren, “ “ “ | 120 00 |
| C. A. Berry, “ Intermediate “ | 300 00 |
| O. R. Graves, “ Primary “ | 268 00 |
| Batchelder & Co., coal..... | 106 25 |
| Jeremiah Fuller, wood..... | 17 36 |
| William Berry, wood..... | 3 00 |
| Arthur Berry, sawing wood..... | 1 00 |
| Fred S. Flint, “ “ | 1 50 |
| A. C. Cheney, “ “ | 1 50 |
| Henry Young, “ “ | 2 00 |
| Willie Wilkins, services as Janitor..... | 7 50 |
| Albert C. Cheney, “ “ | 12 00 |
| A. B. Richardson, “ “ | 5 00 |
| Henry Young, “ “ | 16 00 |
| Willie Wilkins, preparing fuel..... | 2 25 |
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| \$1,103 36 | |

NORTH SCHOOL.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Phebe W. Tracy, teaching..... | \$300 00 |
| E. F. Wilkins, “ | 6 00 |
| John A. Burgess, wood | 6 75 |
| Farnham Stiles, “ | 17 61 |
| A. E. Berry, “ | 11 00 |
| A. E. Berry, sawing “ | 4 00 |
| Myron C. Berry, care of fires..... | 4 00—\$349 36 |

EAST SCHOOL.

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Charles S. Averill, teaching..... | \$300 00 |
| Frank Noyes, care of fires..... | 5 00—\$305 00 |
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| \$1,757 72 | |
| Balance due the Schools..... | 43 70 |
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| \$1,801 42 | |

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| Goodell & Batchelder, printing School reports..... | \$13 00 |
| “ “ “ “ cards..... | 4 00 |
| Farnum Stiles, repairing North School House..... | 2 00 |
| C. S. Averill, School supplies..... | 87 |
| A. W. Berry, work on School House..... | 5 00 |
| W. A. Phelps, repairs on School House..... | 2 50 |
| John Gage, “ East “ “ | 17 50 |
| John Gage, setting glass..... | 75 |
| J. J. Grothe, water for Center School..... | 5 00 |
| J. J. Grothe, for repairs on Center School House... | 25 |
| A. P. Tyler, Car fares and cash paid..... | 12 15 |
| H. A. Wilkins, supplies..... | 28 38 |
| M. E. Tyler, “ | 26 79 |
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| | \$118 19 |

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| H. A. Stiles, coal for Mrs. McIntire..... | \$ 2 30 |
| G. A. Currier, milk for " " | 5 25 |
| E. O. Fowler, medical attendance on Mrs. McIntire, | 24 00 |
| M. E. Tyler, supplies for " " | 13 60 |
| W. S. Merrill, medicine for " " | 6 03 |
| A. W. Peabody, supplies for " " | 6 85 |
| J. Fuller, wood for Samuel Curry and family..... | 10 51 |
| H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family..... | 4 00 |
| W. H. Hutchinson, house rent for Mrs. Bird..... | 27 00 |
| City of Haverhill, supplies for Frank Guilford..... | 15 42 |
| Sanger & Hood, coal for Pat Gillispie..... | 18 63 |
| M. E. Tyler, supplies " " " | 88 19 |
| A. W. Peabody, " " " " | 4 75 |
| A. Cressy, medicine " " " | 15 00 |
| Asa Howe, house rent " " " | 13 50 |

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| John Richardson, boarding Caroline Kelley..... | 12 | 00 |
| E. Berry, watching with Hugh Armstrong..... | 2 | 00 |
| J. M. Peabody, “ “ “ “ | 2 | 00 |
| W. E. Knight, medical attendance on Hugh Arm- strong..... | 7 | 00 |
| Town of Peabody, boarding Rhoda Daniels..... | 135 | 75 |
| “ “ Danvers, supplies for Richard Tiernan.. | 135 | 09 |
| “ “ “ “ “ Rufus Silver and family..... | 181 | 88 |
| H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Lydia Silver.. | 69 | |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ tramp house... | 1 | 38 |
| “ “ “ “ “ “ Andrew Gould. | 52 | 00 |
| City of Salem, supplies for Henry Mansfield..... | 39 | 20 |
| John W. Peabody, boarding Flint Estey..... | 145 | 75 |
| Commonwealth of Mass., boarding Mary A. Tufts, | 81 | 41 |
| Essex County House, boarding Richard Green.... | 8 | 86 |
| A. W. Peabody, cash paid and services as Overseer | 18 | 75 |
| B. T. McGlauffin, “ “ “ “ “ | 25 | 17 |
| J. B. Sinclair, “ “ “ “ “ | 5 | 00 |
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| Amount of orders drawn by the Overseers..... | \$1,028 | 96 |
| Unsettled bills of this year..... | 62 | 00 |
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| Due from Amesbury..... | \$ | 19 00 |
| “ “ North Reading..... | | 99 54 |
| “ “ Dracut..... | | 12 00 |
| “ “ the State..... | | 24 50 |
| Unsettled bills of last year paid..... | | 85 00 |
| Whole cost of supporting the poor... | | 850 92 |
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| | \$1,090 96 | \$1,090 96 |

Summary of Expenses.

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|--|-------------------|
| Town Officers' Bills..... | \$ 380 19 |
| Highways and Bridges..... | 892 45 |
| Removing snow..... | 349 38 |
| State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers..... | 379 55 |
| Town Hall..... | 123 15 |
| Miscellaneous | 733 24 |
| Schools..... | 1,757 72 |
| Incidental School Expenses..... | 118 19 |
| Poor Department..... | 1,028 96 |
| Total amount of orders drawn..... | <u>\$5,762 83</u> |

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

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|---------------------|-----------------|
| Paid State Tax..... | 405 00 |
| County Tax..... | 440 87 |
| | <u>\$845 87</u> |

The Selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Current Expenses..... | \$2,000 00 |
| Reduction of Town Debt..... | 500 00 |
| Interest | 450 00 |
| Schools..... | 1,200 00 |
| Highways | 800 00 |
| Bridges | 50 00 |
| Public Library..... | 50 00 |
| Cemetery | 50 00 |
| | <u>\$5,100 00</u> |

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CUR-
RENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 23, 1882.

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| To cash of O. L. Carleton, balance of last year's account | \$3,079 46 |
| To cash of North Reading, pauper account..... | 123 89 |
| B. W. Peabody, old lumber..... | 1 50 |
| E. L. Lovejoy, pedler's license..... | 3 00 |
| F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall... | 93 75 |
| State Treasurer, corporation tax..... | 64 20 |
| " " bank tax..... | 7 06 |
| " " corporation tax..... | 93 08 |
| " " bank tax..... | 132 38 |
| " " state aid..... | 83 17 |
| " " relief of indigent soldiers | 286 50 |
| " " school fund..... | 216 17 |
| County Treasurer, dog tax refunded.. | 80 15 |
| " " locking up tramp.. | 50 |
| Amesbury, pauper account..... | 19 00 |
| Peabody, repairing bridge..... | 13 74 |
| J. Hathaway, repairing culvert..... | 14 00 |
| Different persons, for cemetery lot.... | 104 00 |
| O. L. Carleton, old lumber..... | 3 25 |
| John Gage, old lumber..... | 40 |
| M. E. Tyler, school books..... | 88 61 |
| Simon F. Estey, on tax of 1880..... | 727 38 |
| Jesse W. Peabody, collector..... | 4,924 97 |
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| | \$10,160 16 |

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| By cash paid on note..... | \$ 500 00 |
| As interest on notes..... | 425 00 |
| State Treasurer, state tax..... | 405 00 |
| On Selectmen's and Overseer's orders | 6,278 42 |
| Balance in Treasury..... | 2,551 74 |
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| | \$10,160 16 |

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER.

Assessors' Valuation of Property.

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| Real Estate..... | \$435,475 00 |
| Personal Estate..... | 83,455 50 |
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| | \$518,930 50 |

Number of Polls, 275.

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| Tax on Polls..... | \$ 550 00 |
| Tax on Real and Personal Estate, at \$1.16 per \$100, | 6,019 59 |
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| | \$6,569 59 |

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| Amount voted by the town for current expenses, | \$2,000 00 |
| " " " reduction town debt, | 500 00 |
| " " " interest | 500 00 |
| " " " schools..... | 1,500 00 |
| " " " highways..... | 800 00 |
| " " " bridges..... | 100 00 |
| " " " library..... | 75 00 |
| " " " cemetery..... | 50 00 |
| State tax..... | 405 00 |
| County tax..... | 440 87 |
| Overlay on taxes..... | 198 72 |
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| | \$6,569 59 |

Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

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|---------------------------|-------------|
| Flint Public Library..... | \$2,500 00 |
| Town Hall and land..... | 7,000 00 |
| School Houses " | 8,800 00 |
| Lock-up " | 500 00 |
| Cemetery..... | 500 00 |
| Hearse and House..... | 400 00 |
| Fire Apparatus..... | 600 00 |
| Gravel Pit | 50 00 |
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| | \$20,850 00 |

Financial Condition of the Town.

LIABILITIES.

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|--|------------|
| Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent.. | \$9,000 00 |
| “ due the schools..... | 43 70 |
| “ outstanding orders..... | 9 15 |
| “ unsettled bill..... | 200 00 |
| “ due the library..... | 59 85 |
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| | \$9,312 70 |

ASSETS.

| | |
|--|------------|
| Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account... | \$2,551 74 |
| Due for State aid reimbursements..... | 234 00 |
| Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers.... | 81 78 |
| Due from North Reading..... | 99 54 |
| Due from Dracut | 12 00 |
| Due from State..... | 24 50 |
| Due from State for corporation tax..... | 100 00 |
| Due for Cemetery lots..... | 44 00 |
| School books on hand..... | 88 61 |
| Amount of uncollected taxes of 1880..... | 46 73 |
| Amount of uncollected taxes of 1881..... | 1,203 75 |
| Balance against the town..... | 4,826 05 |
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| | \$9,312 70 |

Decrease in town debt.....\$798 94

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| JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, | } Selectmen of Middleton. |
| O. L. CARLETON, | |
| B. P. RICHARDSON. | |

Middleton. Feb. 23, 1882.

Flint Public Library.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees of Flint Public Library are still encouraged by a steady increase in the number of those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library, although the increase has not been so great as in the preceding year.

The whole number taken out is not so large as during last year, as many more than usual stopped taking out books during the summer months.

As we are expecting to make an addition to the books in the Library during the coming year, we would continue to solicit selections of books from the readers.

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| Ansel P. Tyler, Samuel A. Fletcher, James Flint, Gilman A. Kimball, William A. Phelps, Joseph A. Batchelder. | } | Trustees. |
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Middleton, Feb. 1, 1882.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

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| Books in Library Feb. 1881..... | 2,596 |
| Since presented by William Weston, bound volumes, | 4 |
| “ “ “ “ “ unbound “ | 16 |
| “ “ “ a friend..... | 1 |
| Total..... | 2,617 |

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| Whole number of persons to whom cards have been issued..... | 572 |
| Circulation from Feb. 1, 1881 to Feb. 1882..... | 8,568 |
| Largest number taken out at one time..... | 242 |
| Smallest number taken at one time..... | 112 |

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, Librarian.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1882.

TREASURERS' REPORT.

Received of the Town.....\$50 15
 from sales of catalogues, cards
 and from fines..... 16 19
 balance of last year..... 28 25—\$94 59

Paid Librarian's salary, 1 year ending
 Feb. 1st.....\$64 00
 " for record books..... 6 55
 " " repairing books..... 13 18
 " " rebinding books..... 9 68
 " " kerosene oil..... 60
 " " record book etc..... 55
 " " postage 03—\$94 59

The unexpended balance of Mr. Flint's gift to the town,
 \$164.00, with the interest, is in the Danvers Savings Bank.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer,
 for Trustees of Flint Public Library.

Middleton Feb. 21, 1882.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To J. Hovey Eaton, Constable of the Town of
 Middleton, in the County of Essex,*

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you
 are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mid-
 dleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to
 meet at the Town Hall, in said Town on MONDAY, the
 sixth day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*,
 then and there to act on the following articles :

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meet-
 ing.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the en-
 suing year.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will raise to
 defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how
 the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 4. To act on the list of Jurors, prepared and posted
 by the selectmen.

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take concerning
 the Cemetery.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 8. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 11. To see if the town will reconsider the vote wherein it voted that the Collector should give his Note for unsettled Taxes.

ART. 12. To see if the town will grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town the present year.

ART. 13. To act on the following article contained in a petition to the selectmen, signed by William A. Russell and nine others: To see whether the town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens, the right to hold town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 14. To see if the town will move one of the furnaces at the Town Hall to the Center School House, for the purpose of heating the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will take a valuation of the real estate in the town the present year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February, A. D., 1882.

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| JOSEPH A. BATCHELDER, | } Selectmen of Middleton. |
| O. L. CARLETON. | |
| B. P. RICHARDSON. | |

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Not to be taken from this room

